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SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" The Hon. Minister stated that in the mufassal, it is the head of the district who appoints the Assistant State Prosecutors. Does the Hon. Minister mean by the term head of the district, the District Collector or the Judicial District Magistrate? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The head of the district recommends the person to the Government. It is the Government who are vested with the power of appointment of Assistant State Prosecutors."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Have the Government framed any rules and regulations for appointment of Assistant State Prosecutors? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Yes, Sir, Government have framed the rules and they have come into effect from November 1953 onwards."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Will the Hon. Minister clarify the term ' district head '? Is it the District Collector or Judicial District Magistrate? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" It refers to the District Judge and the Collector."

Cholera in Walluvanad taluk.

* 297-I Q.—SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any information about the new outbreak of cholera in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district, particularly in Perintalamanna range;

(*b*) if so, how many attacks and deaths have taken place so far in this area; and

(*c*) what actions, remedial and preventive, are being taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Eighty-eight attacks and seventy-two deaths have occurred in that range.

" (*c*) Soon after the receipt of report of infection, the Range Health Inspector and the District Health Officer visited the villages and instituted control measures. In addition to the Range Health Inspector, four Special Inspectors have been deputed for cholera duty. Disinfection of infected houses and materials, chlorination of water-sources, inoculation of almost the entire population of the area and health propaganda among the public have been carried out."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know the names of the villages and the dates on which this outbreak of cholera had taken place? May I also know the period during which it was prevalent? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The first notification of outbreak of cholera in Attapadi valley in Malabar district was on 26th September 1953. The place has been free from infection from 12th December 1953."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in this area cholera was prevalent for about three months, while in other areas it was for shorter periods, and subsequently the Government could control it within less than a month. Is it not a fact that in Attapadi and other areas, because the residents were aboriginals and Harijans, Government neglected for a very long time taking remedial measures and hence the disease continued to spread? " 9–20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" On account of the scattered and hilly nature of the residences, timely intimation of new cases could not be obtained. However, all the people of Attapadi valley and other areas affected were given full relief."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—"അട്ടപ്പാടിയിൽ കോളറയാണെന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ തന്നെ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു വളരെ കാലം എടുത്തു എന്നു കേൾക്കുന്നു. അതു വാസ്തവമാണോ ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, a separate question may be put."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, as one of the remedial and preventive measures, would Government try to distribute wholesome worm-free and insect-free rice to this area or supply insecticides along with rice? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question may be addressed to my Hon. Collegue, the Minister for Food, Sir."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, is it a fact that some time elapsed before the authorities in the area could go to the affected areas and will the Hon. Minister be also pleased to state the villages to which the disease had spread? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have already stated why it was not possible to obtain timely intimation of new cases."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, recently a third taluk, Ernad, has also been notified as a cholera-affected area. Will Government enquire why cholera is spreading so rapidly in all the taluks of Malabar and would Government take necessary preventive measures? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, that is a very wide question. The spread of disease is due to a variety of causes, such as drinking of contaminated water, eating unwholesome food, poverty of the people, unsuitable and unhealthy living conditions, etc. But wherever an epidemic breaks out, immediate measures are taken by posting Epidemic Reserve Health Inspectors for taking all necessary control measures."